

The Catholic Church of the
Immaculate Conception

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Parish Office Hours

Monday: Noon to 4:00 pm
Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday at 8:00 am

First Friday Mass & Devotion: 8:00 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00AM, 11:30 AM, 5:15 P.M.

Holy Day Masses: 8 A.M., 7:00 P.M.

Penance: For daily Mass goes 7:30 AM. For Parish on Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 P.M., and by appointment

Baptisms & RCIA: *By appointment only.* Please email Deacon Fitzmorris at rfitzmor@sdcatholic.org.

Weddings: *By appointment only.* Arrangements must be made at least **one year** in advance. Please contact the office

Funerals: *For arrangements, please call the parish office.*



History of Immaculate Conception Parish

It was here in Old Town that Saint Junípero Serra celebrated his First Holy Mass in California on July 2, 1769, near the site of the present Immaculate Conception Church, and it was on the hill overlooking Old Town that he planted the cross which marked the site of the Mission and the Presidio.

In 1849, the first parish church was established in Old Town with the name of Immaculate Conception and was dedicated in 1858. It still stands and is known as the Old Adobe Chapel on Conde Street. The cornerstone to the present Immaculate Conception Church was laid in 1868 under the direction of Father Antonio Ubach. With the population swing toward the south, it was not until July 6, 1919, that the church was dedicated by Archbishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles.

WE PRAY

MASS INTENTIONS

31	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> Fernando Lopez, SI	RP
	7 PM	†Abie Feinberg	RP
01	8 AM	<i>All Saints</i> †Manuel Gonsalves	RE
	7 PM	†Bobette & William McSherry	RP
02	8 AM	<i>All Souls</i> All Souls Novena	RP
03	8 AM	<i>St. Martin de Porres</i> All Souls Novena	RP
04	8 AM	<i>St. Charles Borromeo</i> All Souls Novena	RP
05	8 AM	<i>Weekday; BVM</i> All Souls Novena	RP
	5:15 PM	†Patrick Ratelle	RP
06	8:30 AM	All Souls Novena	RP
	10:00 AM	†Dale Pearson	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	Elena Orozco, SI	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

NOVEMBER: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose conviction differ from our own.

Evangelization: That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

Ord	Derek Twilliger, Priestly Ordination June 24
Ord	David Exner, Priestly Ordination June 24
Ord	Corey Tufford, Priestly Ordination June 24
2nd	Manuel Del Rio, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
3rd	Oscar Lopez, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
4th	Nathan McWeeney, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
2nd	Raymond Napuli, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
2nd	Michael O'Connor, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
3rd	Eric Tamayo, North American College, Rome
4th	Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

31	Rev. Jeffery Jambon, FSSP
01	Pope Francis
02	Bishop Robert McElroy
03	Bishop Robert Brom
04	Bishop Gilbert Chavez
05	Rev. Luke Jauregui
06	Rev. Tommie Jennings

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1-3; Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rv 7:2-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12
 Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40
 Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Phil 3:17 -- 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-9; Lk 16:9-15
 Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-14; Ps 17:1-15; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

PRAY FOR HEALING

Jesus we ask you to bring your peace and healing touch to those who are ill afraid or worried. Amen

Patricia Kennedy	Esther Salazar
Dorothy Kleint	Joane Anderson
Dena Mendoza	Yolanda Garcia
Jean Miller	Olivia Ingram
Patricia O'Grady	Grace Mulvanity
Mary Jane Tiernan	Angelica Ortega
Marguerite Vorst	Barbara Driscoll
Martha Zamudio	Lucille Miller
Tony Jenkins	Reginald Custodio
Peter Nalwalker	Victoria Cardenas
Frances Garcia	John Hobbs
Socorro Pacheco	Robert Rolli
Amparo Valenzuela	Eleanor Anderson
Phyllis Altomare	Marie Whitman
Alicia Ambrose	Deirdre Rigney
Cosmo & Joan Busalacchi	Marie Wagner
Maria Casanova	Joanne Daleo
Steve Stone	Dominic Castagnola
Mark Brandon	Gerry Lyons
Jeanne Pontius	



PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

Jesus protect all who serve our country.

Sgt. Ahmed John Alexander	Sgt. Adriana Matizel
Natalie Augustine	Wendell Miculob
Major Jerry Bloomquist	LTJG Joe F. Moralez,USN
Col. Mike Bodkin	LCPL Matthew A. Pena
Danny Carpenter, USMC	Sgt. Richard Pierce
LTJG Joseph Colangelo, USN	Sgt. William Paul Powers and Cinco
Cpl. Samuel James Comer	CPL Wilson Santiago
Daniel Dinglebeck, USN	Alfred Tello
PFC David Eley, USMC	Ricky Thibeault
Micah Emery	Tony Tulloss
Sgt. Christopher Escalona	PFC Travis Vliet; & 3rd
1Lt. Cortez Fabia	Marine Aircraft Wing.
Juan Carlos Galazza	SCPO Desiree S. Hayes, USN
SSGT. Vincent Charles	USN
Lucario	Gil Perez, US Navy
Robert Clinton Long, MC2	Scott Walker, US Navy

† PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED †

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace Amen.

Alexander Toczko	Arthur Wilbur Martinez
Jeannette Toczko	Jesse Benitez
José Teofilo Solorio	Margaret Kelly
Ray & Betty Jackson	Martha Jane Hotchkiss
Denise Cooney	Janet Meyers
Joanne Mangiameli	Hector Morales
Edna Moore	Carol Raiter
Paul Ramirez	Albina Farrie
Maude Laracy	Stephanie Anzelone
Helen Peña	Fred Levine
Lydia Castillo Herrera	Eleanor Maycan
Bertha Lockwood	Ronald Monreal
Salvador Rivera	Mary Louise Fillet
John Cervantes	Inez Cerda Bull
Daniel Don	Bernice Lyons
Florence Messina	Elias Barajas

VOTING CATHOLIC

As children of God, we share in the ministry of Jesus to free the world from slavery to sin for goodness in Jesus, and to offer faith in Him that leads to everlasting life.

The sins to which our American society are enslaved today have come from our elected officials, appointed judges, and Catholics who have voted for them and supported them. These officials are unyielding in their imposition of sin upon us.

Among the slavery imposed upon us is killing the unborn child in the womb, abortion, even with monies from our taxes. Another is the threat of punishment for rejecting homosexuality in all its forms: in its teaching in the schools, in “so called same sex marriage” with fines resulting in loss in business, income, and employment. A third enslavement is using embryos which have a soul as experiments. A fourth is cloning wherein now scientists are experimenting with human and animal DNA to create hybrid creatures. A fifth is euthanasia, the direct killing of human beings either with or without their consent. A sixth is the silencing of the Christian to express his faith in public, wherein our churches are complicit for fear of losing their tax exempt status. A seventh is the importation of immigrants whose religious values are to eradicate every belief except those of their own prophet and god, and to impose this on America. An eighth slavery is the government cave in to allow anyone to come into the country, and to support them monetarily, in part adding to a debt of \$20 trillion, while paying Americans to sit home and not work, thus enslaving the soul of our own citizenry in depriving them of real work which sustains the immortal soul of a man and a woman. A ninth is playing policeman for the world, sending military might to try to control people who do not wish our presence in their affairs. A tenth is regulating the right to bear arms for free citizens in a nation where criminals and terrorists will always have weapons, and where government is now in opposition to the citizenry. And there are others wherein we are called to be as clever as serpents, yet guileless as doves.

The prince of this world is opposed to Jesus, to us, and to our efforts. Satan has deceived many Christians to convert to worldly values from Christian ones: from morality as given by God, to rights decided by politicians and judges; from truth of the Bible to the lies of the world; from true freedom in God, to slavery to socialism decided by the state; from biblical righteousness to fairness decided by those in authority through their own decisions; from God given freedom to a false equality of outcome with no basis in truth.

The devil does this through the tactics outlined by Saul Alinsky with the outcome as Hillary Clinton has stated, “And deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed”, to draw us away from God’s teachings regarding the sanctity of life to those of the world and its prince.

First, the Christian people are desensitized by a constant barrage of evil in the media: adultery, homosexuality, pornography, abortion, cloning,

euthanasia. After we see these things so frequently, we become numb to the horror of their evil.

Second, the worldly people use “jamming”, harsh criticism against the truth of God and against those who proclaim it in order to silence any objection to Satan and his views.

Third, is conversion away from the classic Catholic terminology, theology, truth to an ambiguous language and different practice that permits sin along side the goodness of Jesus.

We see this conversion in our clergy who, instead of building up the faith of the Christians, despise us, call us names, or to jam us, or create things that don’t exist such as islamophobia and islamophobes, homophobia and homophobes. We are called by some bishops rosary counters, hiding behind Christian doctrine, pickled pepper-faced Christians, little monsters, fundamentalists, anesthetized Christians, among many other insults. We are called by politicians such as Hillary Clinton, deplorables.

In every election, a Catholic must choose an elector who promotes that Catholic’s beliefs, and rejecting one who is opposed to Jesus and his religious teachings. In 2004 Cardinal Ratzinger as prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith wrote to Cardinal McCarrick,

[N.B. A Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in evil, and so unworthy to present himself for Holy Communion, if he were to deliberately vote for a candidate precisely because of the candidate’s permissive stand on abortion and/or euthanasia. When a Catholic does not share a candidate’s stand in favor of abortion and/or euthanasia, but votes for that candidate for other reasons, it is considered remote material cooperation, which can be permitted in the presence of proportionate reasons.]

There is no utopian solution to all of the problems of this country. There is no amount of money that will solve poverty, homelessness, drug addiction, or whatever else ails us.

Jesus Christ is the only answer along with faith in Him. When you vote, regardless of your affinity or dislike for the personality of the candidate, vote Catholic to save your soul and to promote faith in Jesus and eternal life.

Protect the most vulnerable: the unborn, the terminally ill, religious freedom. Reject the sin that the governments have imposed on us. Know the candidate’s position on these things and what types of judges they will impose upon us. In the propositions, look carefully at how much more you want to pay in taxes, and if what those taxes will buy us are moral, Christian, and attainable, or do they merely serve an ideology that is already oppressing us.

Because of the loss of faith in Jesus and increasing dependence on government, the USA is at a crossroads of a continued downward trajectory as it has been on for these last years; or it can change. It depends on your faith in Jesus Christ and which candidates believe most what He has taught us to believe.

Pray for all the candidates. Vote for the one who most closely reflects Catholic truth.

AROUND THE PARISH

OCT 30 ... QUARTERS & CANS SUNDAY

Please drop your Quarters and Cans envelopes in the regular collection this Sunday. Money collected will be used to assist those who come to us in need and to support other Catholic programs. Your generous donations will continue to be used to help feed, and in some cases assist those who are in need of our help with rent and utilities. The parish also provides gas and grocery cards. Resource information is also available so people can access public and private agencies that can help with their needs.

Food items collected will be taken by our volunteers to the Catholic Charities Food Resource Center. Please make sure these items are in non-breakable containers, unopened, and the dates have not expired. There is always a need for the following items:

- ◆ Canned goods including vegetables, fruit, chili, tuna fish, spam, chicken, beef, beans, soups, and spaghetti sauce;
- ◆ Peanut butter, jelly, and honey;
- ◆ Cereals, pasta, rice, and beans;
- ◆ Any paper goods such as toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, cups, napkins, Kleenex tissues, baby wipes;
- ◆ Hygiene items such as shampoo, soaps, toothpaste, tooth brushes, dental floss, mouthwash, disposable razors, shaving cream, lotions and feminine products;
- ◆ Plastic, paper or reusable grocery bags for carrying the above.


Thank You ...

for your continued support of these important programs as we try to follow Our Lord's command and put the Holy Gospel into action.


Catholic Education Tuition Assistance ...

Thanks to donations to the Quarters and Cans Program/Parish Outreach, six Catholic schools received \$1000 each toward tuition assistance for their students: Our Lady's School, Holy Family, St. Rita, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, St. Patrick, and St. Kieran.

Before you go to bed on **Saturday, November 5,** remember to reset your clocks.



December 2 Advent Day of Recollection: 8 am Mass & Benediction, talks at 9-2. All are welcome.



2016 Baptism Schedule
November 08 Class
November 13 Baptism

Schedule is available on the parish website (ic-sandiego.org).

30 OCT ... 29th Annual Pro-Life Chain
2:00-3:30 pm

Join thousands of concerned citizens across the nation in his peaceful, prayerful and public witness for the rights of the unborn. Two locations. 1) Central County: Balboa Ave between Genesee and I-805; 2) East County: Gather on Navajo Rd., between Medford and I-125 in front of Our Lady of Grace Church.

For more information, please call Cathy Williams, 619-955-3597 or visit website www.nationallifechain.org.


02 NOV ... All Souls Novena

Remember departed loved ones through the All Souls Novena. Envelopes are available in the pews and in the vestibule. Envelopes may be dropped in the collection basket or turned in to the gift shop or the parish office. The Novena begins Nov. 02 and ends Nov. 10.

Immaculate Conception
FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM

Angels are needed to help families for Thanksgiving and Christmas through Catholic Charities.

Drop off the following *non-perishable* in Serra Hall after morning Masses on November 9th and November 16th before 12 noon for delivery November 16th.

-  Canned Vegetables
-  Canned Cranberry Jelly or Sauce
-  Canned Sweet Potatoes
-  Boxed Stuffing
-  Boxed Mashed Potatoes
-  Canned Gravy
-  Marshmallows
-  Box of Brown Sugar
-  Boxed Pie Crust
-  Pumpkin Pie Filling



The Quarters & Cans Committee will provide grocery gift cards towards the purchase of a turkey.

God Bless. Quarters & Cans Committee

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

With gratitude for the gifts we have received, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord.

October 23, 2016

Total Collection: \$4,731.00
Envelopes: \$2,947.00 Plate: \$1,784.00
Total contributing households: 95

5:15 Sat	\$1035.68
8:30 Sun	\$ 924.40
10:00 Sun	\$1070.17
11:30 Sun	\$ 946.15
5:15 Sun	\$ 624.60
Mailed	\$ 130.00

EXPENSES

October 17-21, 2016

Internet	\$70.00
Ministry Supplies	\$202.63
Music	\$625.00
Office/HallSupplies	\$201.82
Gas & Electric	\$1,274.43

Total: \$ 2,373.88

Mission Sunday: \$909.00
Quarters & Cans: \$491.00

All Saints, Nov. 01: Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass, 7:00 p.m., Monday, Oct. 31
 Mass: 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Tues., Nov. 01
 Harp Meditation 5:00 p.m., Mon. & Tues.

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION!

To register at the parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the basket or call the office at 295-4141.

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 PHONE _____

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<http://www.ic-sandiego.org/gift-shop>

AMORIS LAETITIA
ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

47. The Fathers also called particular attention to “families of persons with special needs, where the unexpected challenge of dealing with a disability can upset a family’s equilibrium, desires and expectations... Families who lovingly accept the difficult trial of a child with special needs are greatly to be admired. They render the Church and society an invaluable witness of faithfulness to the gift of life. In these situations, the family can discover, together with the Christian community, new approaches, new ways of acting, a different way of understanding and identifying with others, by welcoming and caring for the mystery of the frailty of human life. People with disabilities are a gift for the family and an opportunity to grow in love, mutual aid and unity... If the family, in the light of the faith, accepts the presence of persons with special needs, they will be able to recognize and ensure the quality and value of every human life, with its proper needs, rights and opportunities. This approach will promote care and services on behalf of these disadvantaged persons and will encourage people to draw near to them and provide affection at every stage of their life”. Here I would stress that dedication and concern shown to migrants and to persons with special needs alike is a sign of the Spirit. Both situations are paradigmatic: they serve as a test of our commitment to show mercy in welcoming others and to help the vulnerable to be fully a part of our communities.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Parish Calendar

OCTOBER

30 Quarters & Cans Sunday

31 Harp Meditation 5:30 PM
Vigil Mass-All Saints Day 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER

01 All Saints--Holy Day of Obligation
Mass 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Night Fever 8:15 PM
Harp Meditation 5:30 PM

02 All Souls Day -- Mass 8:00 AM
Choir Practice 6:00 PM
Old Town Day of the Dead Festivities

05 Quilting Group 9:30 AM

07 I.C. Seniors-Bingo & Lunch 11:00 AM

08 Baptism Class 7:00 PM

09 Choir Practice 6:00 PM

12 Quilting Group 9:30 AM

13 Parish Breakfast 8:30 AM
Family Catechesis 9:45 AM

16 Choir Practice 6:00 PM

19 Quilting Group 9:30 AM

20 National Needs Special Collection

22 Choir Practice (Note change of day) 6:00 PM

FROM FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO
- Pope John Paul II 1981

*ON THE ROLE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY
IN THE MODERN WORLD 1981*

**THE PLAN OF GOD FOR MARRIAGE
AND THE FAMILY**

Man, the Image of the God Who Is Love

... 13. Spouses are therefore the permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross; they are for one another and for the children witnesses to the salvation in which the sacrament makes them sharers. Of this salvation event marriage, like every sacrament, is a memorial, actuation and prophecy: "As a memorial, the sacrament gives them the grace and duty of commemorating the great works of God and of bearing witness to them before their children. As actuation, it gives them the grace and duty of putting into practice in the present, towards each other and their children, the demands of a love which forgives and redeems. As prophecy, it gives them the grace and duty of living and bearing witness to the hope of the future encounter with Christ."

**NEED BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION,
COMMUNION?**

Family Catechesis for parents with their children 6 years and older and for adults who need sacraments continues on Nov. 13 in the parish hall at 9:45 am sharp, right after the 8:30 Mass. Call Fr. Perozich to register: 295-4141 x 11 or email pastor@ic-sandiego.org.

"The worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal." -- Aristotle

"Justice means minding one's own business and not meddling with other men's concerns." -- Plato

**MARTYRDOM FOR THE FAITH IN OUR
TIMES**

His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

In setting forth the nature and structure of the Marian Catechist Apostolate, one of the several apostolates which the Servant of God founded or cooperated in founding, Father Hardon wrote:

Catholicism is in the throes of the worst crisis in its entire history. Unless true and loyal Catholics have the zeal and the spirit of the early Christians, unless they are willing to do what they did and to pay the price that they paid, the days of America are numbered.

What he wrote about the United States of America, his homeland, is true of any nation subject to the virulent secularization of society, a secularization which has also entered into the Church.

LET'S EXPLAIN RATHER THAN EJECT THE CHURCH'S LANGUAGE

NICHOLAS SENZ

The Church in recent decades has found itself in an internal discussion about how best to express its belief about sexual morality, and these conversations have filtered into the episcopate as well. Fr. Gerald E. Murray raises some recent examples in an essay at [The Catholic Thing](#). In an interview with *America* magazine this summer, Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego criticized the Church's use of language like "intrinsically disordered," arguing that it will only be misunderstood in today's culture (and, as Fr. Murray pointed out, prescinding entirely from the question of whether the term is accurate in itself). Bishop Vincent Long of Parramata, Australia also recently publicly rejected this language, saying it "won't wash" with young people and arguing that there is a contradiction between treating people with love and compassion and terming "their sexuality as 'intrinsically disordered.'" As Fr. Murray concludes, "Thus we have two Catholic bishops who publicly assert that it is destructive, defensive, divisive, and lacking in love and compassion to preach the simple truth."

Many critics point to such disavowals of traditional theological language as evidence that the teaching they embody is being rejected. That is certainly possible, but if we were to give the most charitable reading of these statements, we might say they evince a pessimism or despair that the Church's teaching can be communicated in today's post-Christian society. The world no longer speaks the Church's language, so how can it be expected to understand the Church's message? We need fresh expressions and new terminology, a translation of classical terms into modern parlance.

Yet this can be difficult to do in an age that lacks the key categories of thought. In a culture with an underlying philosophy that rejects objective reality and morals—that rejects the notion of sin—how does one introduce these subjects? To this problem, the proponents of "new language" do not offer much answer. In the interview, Bishop McElroy does not propose an alternative way of conveying the Church's teaching, apart from a vague statement that "all of us fail at times." Yet such a statement only begs the question: what is it that one is failing to do in such acts? To act according to the natural order, or to act in such a way that the natural purpose and end of an act is fulfilled? In such a case, should not such acts be described as "disordered"?

It would seem we are at an impasse, then. The Church's language is considered arcane and unintelligible, yet no new lexicon has been proposed. How are we to convey the Church's teaching to the world?

The answer is hiding in plain sight: we define our terms. We retain our traditional language while explaining further what it means. If the Church's traditional formulations express the truth, then they are adequate to reality. We should be very hesitant thus to throw overboard formulae that are truthful and real from the Barque of

Peter. Rather, we use them as a link in the chain, elucidating those terms which have become unfamiliar to the modern world.

To outright reject the terms would give the impression that the Church did not believe their substance anymore. This is the concern of Archbishop Charles Chaput, OFM Cap. of Philadelphia. He, too, acknowledges the difficulties in terms such as "intrinsically disordered," saying that they ought to be "shelved" for a while. Yet in the same interview he clearly explains what the term means: "It means that same-sex attraction is not part of God's plan, and we can't deny that's what the Church thinks," and says that this reality "absolutely cannot" be lost in any new expression that the Church uses. At least Archbishop Chaput acknowledges the truth of the term even while he cites the difficulty in its reception in modern times.

Some may see this discussion taking place in the Church and shake their heads that we would quibble so much over mere words. Yet G.K. Chesterton reminds us in his novel *The Ball and the Cross* of what a mistake this is:

What is the good of words if they aren't important enough to quarrel over? Why do we choose one word more than another if there isn't any difference between them? If you called a woman a chimpanzee instead of an angel, wouldn't there be a quarrel about a word? If you're not going to argue about words, what are you going to argue about? Are you going to convey your meaning to me by moving your ears? The Church and the heresies always used to fight about words, because they are the only thing worth fighting about.

In his book *True and False Reform in the Church*, the venerable Dominican theologian Yves Cardinal Congar lays out the criteria for identifying a genuine reform in the Catholic faith. Among these he cites the need to maintain the fullness of Catholic doctrine, respecting its prior formulations while keeping in mind that words change their meanings over time. If a word shifts, its original meaning can be lost and the term can become misleading. Thus, Congar noted that language had to be adjusted from time to time in order for the substance of the doctrine to be maintained. Yet Congar also strongly asserted in his master work *Tradition and Traditions* that many of the Church's tried and true formulae were part of the fabric of the faith, the load-bearing beams that give the faith shape and structure. Congar wrote, "We should not believe, however, that the old forms are out of date simply because they come from the past. There is in the Christian development a continuity which is opposed to such automatic substitutions."

Perhaps "intrinsically disordered" is not at the top of the list of indispensable terms, but within the realm of moral theology, the notions of order and natural end are crucial to the Catholic understanding of right action and virtuous living. This term is part of that world of words, and as Orwell taught us, when we erase a word we wipe out the concept it contains. While we need not necessarily die on the hill of "intrinsically disordered," we should be extremely cautious when considering setting aside our lexicographical patrimony.